



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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**Board Meeting MINUTES
 Tuesday, February 12, 2019
 6:00PM-9:00PM**

Meeting Location:
 Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center
 10631 Vinedale Street
 Sun Valley, CA 91352
 (MAIL NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS ADDRESS)

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Board Position
Allen, Mark; 2nd Vice President	Absent	YES	Business/Property Owner Stakeholder Director
Carbajal, Jackelyn	Absent	YES	Youth Representative Stakeholder Director
Correa, Steve; Secretary	Present	YES	Residential Stakeholder Director
Dueñas, Angelica	Present	YES	Residential Stakeholder Director
Fierro, Martha	Absent	YES	Residential Stakeholder Director
Garcia, Steven; Treasurer	Present	YES	Business/Property Owner Stakeholder Director
Khalaf, Sam	Absent	YES	Business/Property Owner Stakeholder Director
O'Gara, Barbara	Present	YES	Senior Representative Stakeholder Director
O'Gara, Mike	Present	YES	At-Large Stakeholder Director
Perez, Carmen	Present	YES	Business/Property Owner Stakeholder Director
Power, Rick	Present	YES	Business/Property Owner Stakeholder Director
Sower, Cindy; President	Present	YES	Business/Property Owner Stakeholder Director
Sower, Michael	Absent	YES	Business/Property Owner Stakeholder Director
Thum, Wendy	Present	YES	Residential Stakeholder Director
Vacas, Monica; 1st Vice President	Present	YES	Residential Stakeholder Director
Venegas, Eddie	Absent	YES	Community Interest Stakeholder Director
(VACANT)			Residential Stakeholder Director
(VACANT)			Residential Stakeholder Director
(VACANT)			At-Large Stakeholder Director
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(VACANT)			Senior Representative Stakeholder Director
TOTAL: 16	10 Present, 6 Absent		

*Funding vote eligibility key: A=age less than 18 yrs.; E=Ethics training; F=Funding training; N=not taken; X=expired

** Advance notice given for absence

Welcome

Ms. Cindy Sower called the board to order at 6:05PM. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Ten board members were present. It was noted that the new governor of California was reconsidering the High-Speed Rail project. It was noted that there were issues for candidates for SVANC board had problems registering

Motion/Discussion/Vote – December 2018 MER and January 2019 MER

It was asked how much money the SVANC had left for the fiscal year. Mr. Garcia answered about twelve thousand dollars available. It

was asked what the cut off date is for spending. It was answered that the date is in May. It was noted that Bridgeway payments were not accounted for in the twelve thousand figure.

SVANC Motion to approve December 2018 MER and January 2019 MER Motion: O'Gara, Mike Second: Power Time: 6:12 PM

Yes—10	No—0	Absent—6
Correa; Dueñas; Garcia; O'Gara, Barbara; O'Gara, Mike; Perez; Power; Sower, Cindy; Thum; Vacas		Allen; Carbajal; Fierro; Khalaf; Sower, Michael; Venegas

Motion/Discussion/Vote to set 2019 Election Budget **Skipped until later**

Motion/Discussion/Vote for \$150 for the VANC Annual Mixer in March

SVANC Motion to approve \$150 for the VANC Annual Mixer in March Motion: O'Gara, Mike Second: Power Time: 6:15PM

Yes—10	No—0	Absent—6
Correa; Dueñas; Garcia; O'Gara, Barbara; O'Gara, Mike; Perez; Power; Sower, Cindy; Thum; Vacas		Allen; Carbajal; Fierro; Khalaf; Sower, Michael; Venegas

Motion/Discussion/Vote to allow President and City Clerk Jeff Brill to work with PAC-Bell and Spectrum to regain SVANC Telephone AND telephone Services

SVANC Motion to allow President and City Clerk Jeff Brill to work with PAC-Bell and Spectrum to regain SVANC telephone and telephone services Motion: Vacas Second: Dueñas Time: 6:16 PM

Yes—10	No—0	Absent—6
Correa; Dueñas; Garcia; O'Gara, Barbara; O'Gara, Mike; Perez; Power; Sower, Cindy; Thum; Vacas		Allen; Carbajal; Fierro; Khalaf; Sower, Michael; Venegas

Mr. Correa noted that an item was skipped.

Motion/Discussion/Vote to set 2019 Election Budget

Ms. Betty Wong-Oyama stated that the board will have to itemize the elections budget.

SVANC Motion to set 2019 Election Budget to \$1000 Motion: O'Gara, Mike Second: Power Time: 6:20 PM

Yes—10	No—0	Absent—6
Correa; Dueñas; Garcia; O'Gara, Barbara; O'Gara, Mike; Perez; Power; Sower, Cindy; Thum; Vacas		Allen; Carbajal; Fierro; Khalaf; Sower, Michael; Venegas

NC 101 – Betty Wong Oyama, NEA

Ms. Betty Wong-Oyama introduced the presenters.

Brown Act and Conflict of Interest – Deputy CA Elise Ruden

Ms. Elise Ruden, from the office of the city attorney spoke on the Brown Act.

Roles of Board Member and Officers – Betty Wong Oyama, NEA

Ms. Betty Wong-Oyama spoke about neighborhood council boards.

Communications – Gibson Nyambura, NEA

Mr. Gibson Nyambura spoke about communications in neighborhood councils.

Overview/Q & A/Next Steps

Ms. Betty Wong-Oyama asked for question.

Ms. Dueñas asked what the reason was that the trainings were called, because she did not understand the reason why this was called. Ms. Betty Wong-Oyama stated that they wanted all the board members to be on the same page, and work together as a team.

Ms. Dueñas asked whether all neighborhood councils were going through the same thing. Ms. Betty Wong-Oyama stated that it is important that board members respect each other.

Ms. Vacas stated that SVANC had been winning Empowerment awards, and now is not.

Ms. Dueñas stated that other neighborhood council boards had gone through ordeals, and that the SVANC had been in threat of exhaustive measures, while there doesn't seem to be any apparent reason. Ms. Betty Wong-Oyama stated that that is why they want to get the SVANC back on track.

Ms. Dueñas asked how the SVANC board was off track. Ms. Betty Wong-Oyama stated that everyone has their own opinion, that

sometimes people disagree, and that sometimes people feel bullied and disrespected.

Ms. Dueñas asked if any person on the board has felt bullied. Mr. Gary Aggas stated that he has. Ms. Dueñas if that incident had been addressed. Ms. Betty Wong-Oyama stated that multiple board members had felt bullied, and it was brought to the DONE General Manager's attention, and it was decided that this training should happen.

Ms. Dueñas asked how people were bullied. Ms. Betty Wong-Oyama stated that that information is confidential.

Ms. Dueñas stated that people could say that they were bullied, but not have the situation out. Ms. Vacas stated that SVANC, like a family, has issues that it overcame. Ms. Dueñas stated that she doesn't understand which issues were overcome. Ms. Vacas stated that people may not have felt it, but the training was helpful. Ms. Dueñas stated that the training was great, but she wanted to know, because of hearing in other neighborhood councils where violence occurred, and so she wants to understand what happened.

Ms. Dueñas asked what was going to happen with regard to board members not at the trainings. Ms. Betty Wong-Oyama stated that after the elections, there would be another training. She thanked the board, and audience.

General Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items/Board Members Public Comments

Mr. Gary Aggas stated that he had a conversation with Ms. Elise Ruden about the Brown Act presentation. He talked about the Remedy for violations. In cases where there is a violation occurred, the remedy is to redo the meeting. He stated that hundreds of hours was spent on this topic, where there are jobs to do, and the solution is simple. The Brown Act is not designed to do get in the way. Ms. Betty Wong-Oyama stated that sometimes it goes to the City Attorney, and sometimes it goes to the District Attorney, in which case the board is in trouble.

Ms. Betty Wong-Oyama stated that the board has done a lot, and she want to get them back together to win more awards.

Mr. Glenn Bailey from Northridge East Neighborhood Council stated that there is an alliance forming for West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness to have city liaisons present in the area, rather than downtown. A forum would be held on Saturday 2/16 at Granada Hills Charter High School for people to find solutions, and people are invited.

Ms. Cindy Sower stated that Ms. Elise Ruden stated that she wanted to be informed of all candidate forums before they occur.

Mr. Glenn Bailey stated that the Congress of Neighborhood will be on September 28 at City Hall, and asked the board to not schedule events on that date. He stated that the VANC had received information.

Adjourn

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